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Renata Hesse  
Department of Justice  
601 D Street NW, Suite 1200  
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Dear Ms. Hesse,

I am a business owner and legislator who wish to strongly encourage you to accept the proposed settlement between *United States vs. Microsoft Corporation*.

Rather than focusing on improving technology, creating jobs and helping the economy and our nation to rebound, AOL, Oracle, Apple, Sun and others engaged the Justice Department in their effort to compete with Microsoft. Their true intention has clearly been to deny consumers their market choices and instead force them into paying higher prices for lesser quality products. Competition is the key, not government intrusion.

Without competition, the high technology industry would be completely insignificant. Microsoft, Sun, AOL, Netscape, and others all drive each other to lower prices and better products, all the to benefit of consumers.

The time has come to settle this case. Our country needs to see responsible companies and our government working together on issues of national concern.

Sincerely,  
  
Brian M. Duprey  
State Representative

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